

Esteemed Friend:

Happy Orchid Growing during 1960! And here are a few offers which should start you out right. . .

RARE BUTTERFLY ORCHIDS

Oncidium Papilio, var. majus, is found only in Trinidad. It is the largest of the true Butterfly Orchids. Flowers measure over 4 inches in size. Color is a rich, deep bronze mottled with golden yellow. They bloom all year around, producing dozens of flowers a year from the same spike. I have one plant that has bloomed continuously for 3 years from the same spike. It is a very difficult orchid to obtain in quantity. After 11 years I was able to locate 80 plants in Trinidad. Nice plants are \$10 each postpaid (Limited to not more than 2 per person).

CATTLEYA ORCHIDS FROM ENGLAND

The Cattleya orchid derives its name from one of the earliest and first breeders of orchids, William Cattley. It is generally agreed that the best Linens come from Ireland; the best Perfumes from France; the best Diamonds from Africa, and the best Cattleya Orchids from England. For nearly 100 years England has been breeding fine quality Orchids. It will take at least another quarter of a century to catch up with her, for it takes as much as 50 years to breed a fine orchid and England started out long before everyone else.

For this reason I have been purchasing thousands of English hybrids the past few years on a "potluck basis". I get the duplicate plants of one of the largest flower wholesalers. Most of these come in without tags for identification. Yet in the past year I was able to find large quantities of very rare orchids in this group; plants which would normally sell for \$25 to \$100 each. There were fine yellows, reds, bronze, white, and hundreds of others. Yet you can buy plants from this group from me at the price of an ordinary orchid as long as you take them as I do on a potluck basis, untagged.

GROUP A - 3 plants, mature divisions, out of 4 inch pots, - - - \$ 11.00
GROUP B - 3 plants, mature divisions, out of 5 inch pots, - - - 18.00
GROUP C - 3 plants, mature, heavy plants, out of 5-6 inch pots, 25.00

1,000 DENDROBIUM SPRAY ORCHIDS

These Dendrobiums bloom freely many times a year. Fully mature plants often remain in bloom the year around. Flowers are borne on long graceful sprays, lasting 3 to 6 months on a single spray. They are available in about 40 different crosses, so the color variation will be marvelous. There are deep purples, orchid, light shades of pink, chartreuse, dark green, yellow, orange, bronze, and many in-between shades. Available in 3 sizes. Give first and second color preference and I will try to select colors you like.

Small size, to bloom within 15 months, \$ 2.25 each - 5 for \$10
Medium " , to bloom within 10 months, 3.50 each - 4 for 12
Large size, to bloom within 6 months, 4.50 each - 4 for 16

CHOPPED OSMUNDAMIX FOR POTTING ORCHIDS

Every orchid will grow naturally better in chopped Osmundamix. This material contains all the elements to grow a living plant, no matter what kind of plant! However, just to make certain that it lacks nothing, I have added a new odorless Dairy Organic fertilizer to this mix, and then a well balanced complete fertilizer plus the trace elements. To use it, just wet the osmundamix and allow it to stand for an hour or two before use. This softens the osmunda fibers and you will then find it as easy to pot with as you would with soil. NOTE: You do not need to add any additional fertilizer to this, nor fertilize your orchid plants for 2 years if you use this mix as it will not leach out.

Due to increased shipping costs there has been a slight increase in its cost:

5 lbs. Osmundamix \$ 7.50 postpaid.
10 lbs. Osmundamix 14.00 postpaid.

(Note: If you buy 10 lbs. I will include a \$3. potting stick, Free!)

CHOICE BACK BULBS

6 for \$7 -- 12 for \$12.00 post paid

Here is a very inexpensive way of getting top quality English hybrids. While a seedling will take 4 to 6 years to flower and will cost you more than a cutting, you can flower all of these fine cuttings within 1 to 2 years. However, they come untagged as to color or name, but you still get the best of the English hybrids. These are all fine, choice, vigorous cuttings.

Sincerely,

Samuel L. Presner

P.S. Where your order totals \$30. or more I will include free, while my supply lasts, a \$6. rare miniature orchid plant from Japan.

